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### HOBOS GIVE KICKAPOO HARRY THE BUM'S RUSH

Ancient Tie-Hitter Was Too Conservative for Their New Club.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—One morning early last week a little old man with a big white mustache, drawing a funny little cart, was seen to leave the headquarters of the hoboes in Calow-hill street, near Ninth, and shamble sorrowfully away. Those who knew him called him Kickapoo Harry, a name he has enjoyed for twenty-five years. He was going away after being thrown out—figuratively—by the other members of the hobo club because his ideas were on the conventional type.

The hoboes couldn't stand for the propriety of his opinions and they called a meeting and decided on someone to lead them who stood for everything that was against the present system. There were several applicants but none has as yet been elected to fill Harry's place.

Kickapoo, when told that he wasn't wanted, packed up his duds. The little wagon bearing the fantastic signs advertising his business of jack-of-all-trades, were loaded with his worldly goods and taken away. He was the old type hobo who knew nothing of such new-fangled things as economics, Socialism and anarchy or any other kind of ism. In the old days when he knocked around the country with the Kickapoo Indian Medicine Show he lived a life close to nature and didn't bother with trying to solve problems that the smartest men of the day found almost impossible. He also believed in working every day.

Now the hoboes are going to start something. Rid of the conservative element, they intend to make plenty of noise, so that they will be heard all over.

"That's sort of anarchistic, isn't it?" a stranger asked Will Quirke, the secretary.

"It's the only way to get what we want," was the reply.

There is going to be a big free speech fight, the hoboes say, and for that purpose they have some of the best "wobblies" here from the West. To save the trouble of a vain peep into the dictionary it will be explained

that a "wobbly" is a man who gets on a soap box or barrel and tells the world that he has the right of free speech, that it was given him by the Constitution of the United States of America, and that the police haven't any right to stop him. A crowd usually gathers—a policeman appears, then more crowd and finally more policemen. The police challenge his right to speak by arresting him. Then the free speech fight is on. The police with characteristic stupidity in such matters try to stop the wobblies by arresting them and throwing them in jail, and in that manner play into their hands. A "wobbly," according to hobo definition, has nothing to lose and seldom anything to gain. The more he is locked up the more successful he is.

### STORK LEAVES BABY BOY AT HOME OF J. T. NUNN, JR.

Rooseveltian Bird's Present Is An Ideal Christmas Gift—Mother Doing Nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Nunn, Jr., received a Christmas present early this morning, and it was not brought by old Santa Claus, either. It was presented by the king of birds—the stork.

There are three now in this family—mama, papa and a big fat baby boy, who the head of the family thinks looks like him and in all probability will be named Joel T. Nunn, III.

"All the presents on that Municipal Christmas tree will look like pewter dimes to me," said Father Nunn shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. "It's a big baby boy, with the beauty of its mother and the disposition of its grandpa. I don't want another present for Christmas. I have received my share."

The stork began to flutter about the Nunn home early last night, and shortly after midnight it dropped its basket and in it was a little, fat chubby faced boy, which weighs ten pounds. It is the best natured baby that was ever brought to the Nunn home, its grandfather said, and it greeted every one who inspected it with a coo.

Mrs. Nunn is doing nicely, the physician stated, and the doctor was nearly as well pleased as the father of the boy.

## CHRISTMAS TREE IS READY FOR GIFTS

Second Cedar Installed in Front of Courthouse and Decorations Begin Today.

The ladies engaged in the various assignments connected with the municipal Christmas tree work, have about completed their tasks, and are waiting for the electricians to complete their work of wiring and installing the lamps before proceeding to hang the decorations and presents.

The ornaments with which the tree is to be decorated, are all finished. The stockings are all filled and the presents have been purchased. Mrs. Patton, chairman of the committee selected to buy the toys, completed her work yesterday.

The tree has been placed in position, and the scaffolding will be constructed today, and the work of decorating will begin this afternoon or early tomorrow morning.

While none of the men who was appointed to solicit contributions turned in reports yesterday, contributions were turned in to Mrs. Hoch, from various sources, and the fund continues to grow.

The following is a list of some of the contributors whose donations were received yesterday:

Chero-Cola ..... \$2.00  
Charles Hitt ..... 1.00  
Frank Hoel ..... .50  
Harris Bros., Terminal Hotel ..... 6.15

The Mayor has requested that all the church bells throughout the city be rung Thursday evening at five minutes before 7 o'clock, the hour appointed for the Christmas tree exercises to begin.

It has been arranged for the lights illuminating the tree to be turned on by the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Uhl, she being one of the few living direct descendants of the old Lorimer family.

The 100 young ladies who have offered their services in helping the committees to look after the children, are requested to be on hand at the court house at 6:30 o'clock in the evening if possible, when their tasks will be assigned them by Rev. Lawson.

A. M. Tinsley has been of inestimable assistance in the work and has not only devoted his own time to the cause, but has furnished his crew of competent employees, Messrs. Sullinger, Hull and Schmitte, in bringing the tree in from the old fair grounds and placing it in position. They will also do the wiring and installing of lights.

Charles Blattner has also manifested great interest in the success of the undertaking, and was present when the tree was cut down, personally requesting that they select his choicest cedar for the occasion.

Frank Kimmel has materially aided in the work and his interest in the enterprise grows more intense as the work progresses.

### THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

It is a wonderful thing—the period of Christmas! I wonder how many hundreds of thousands of parents have discovered at Christmas time under the magic of the season—through some little thing done by son or daughter—that those they thought estranged from them by those things which come between still loved them with a memory more tender than they had dreamed of. I wonder how many sons and daughters have under the magic influence of Christmas had their hearts softened so as to be moved by some little manifestations of love by father or mother, which they would have thought little of, perhaps despised, at any other season.—Charles Dickens.

### H. S. WASEM GAINS RAPIDLY

Well-known Druggist to Leave Hospital Tuesday.

H. A. Waseem, the well-known druggist who has been seriously ill at the St. Francis Hospital for several weeks, is recovering rapidly and will return to his home Tuesday.

Mr. Waseem was stricken with an internal hemorrhage in front of his drug store on West Good Hope street, and for several days was in a precarious condition. The crisis in his illness was reached about a week ago and since that time he has improved rapidly.

While he will be confined to his bed for several weeks, has passed beyond all danger, and will recuperate at home with his family. Mrs. Waseem stated yesterday that her husband would not attempt to return to his store for sometime after he was able to be out again, but would take a much needed rest.

C. L. Babcock of Chicago, was a business visitor in the Cape yesterday. J. F. Angle of Daisy was in the Cape yesterday on a shopping trip.



## News From The County Seat

Jackson, Dec. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Hays visited in Cape Girardeau yesterday.

Will Heyde returned from St. Louis, last night.

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian Church, gave a social at the Church last night.

Judge Wm. Schaefer and family of the Cape, will take Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Schmuke.

Prof Miller and wife and Mrs. Mattie Bast will go to Dexter tomorrow on a visit.

The Boone boys, who attend the State University, are home and William Parr, Jr., who works in St. Louis, is expected home Thursday.

George Heyde of Denver, Colo., is here to spend Christmas with his brother, Will.

The seventh grade of the grammar school will give a program this afternoon; the eighth grade will have their tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Wm. Hoffman will take Christmas dinner with the family of George Hasslinger at the Cape.

Messrs William Schwartz and Louis Kies returned Sunday from Gypsum City, Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steck gave a family dinner Sunday. Those present were: Emanuel Wilde and family, Henry Steck and family, Philip Steck and family of the Cape, Miss Nora Steck of the Cape, and A. D. Milde and wife.

Miss Jane Cramer, who is teaching school in Beggs, Okla., is expected home Christmas day for a week's visit.

There will be three masses at the Catholic church on Christmas day: the first at 6, second at 8 and third at 9:30 a. m.

Mrs. Robert Hoffman in a fall in her yard Sunday, burst a blood vessel, fractured a rib and sustained other injuries.

Miss Mary Rafferty, who is teaching in Perryville, will be home Wednesday or Thursday to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carmean and little son, Milton, of Kennett, are expected to arrive here for Christmas.

Mrs. Sievers, the aged mother of Mrs. Koehring, who was badly burned last week, died at 2 o'clock this morning. The funeral will be held Wednesday morning and interment will be in the cemetery near the Evangelical church near Oak Ridge.

A seven-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Stone of Kansas City, who are visiting the family of Charles Wilhelm, is quite sick with pneumonia.

R. M. Slaughter of Fredericktown, is in Jackson.

Miss Katie Loos and brother, Jake, will go to Murphysboro, Ill., tomorrow for a visit with relatives.

Miss Ruth McAtee and brother, Earl, John Ade and Lee Morris Hoffmeister motored to the Cape yesterday.

Wm. Abernathy and wife of Lutesville, will arrive Wednesday for a visit with Mrs. Abernathy's sisters, Messdames J. Burford, Wm. Wagner and Martin Wagner. Mr. Abernathy is county clerk of Bollinger County.

Rev. Dr. Russell, formerly a president of a Catholic college in South America, and who after being banished, was transferred to Alberta, Canada, while on a sick call, was lost in a blizzard, and when found was so badly frozen that both legs will have to be amputated. Rev. Russell will be remembered by some of our people, having been the guest of Rev. M. D. Collins of the Catholic church about a year ago.

Miss Lucy Moeder is back at her desk in Mill "A" after several weeks' illness.

Hinkle Bowman, who is employed in a bank in Advance, spent Sunday with home folks.

Miss Helena Kies and James Robertson, who attend the Cape Normal, and Adolph Kies, who attends the State University, are at home for the holidays.

### TWO PRISONERS KILL JAILER, ESCAPE

Beeville, Tex., Dec. 22.—Harry Hinton, Jailer, and Deputy Sheriff of Live Oak County, was choked to death by two Mexican prisoners to whom he had given supper. The prisoners escaped.

A fine baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. LaGrange, of South Sprigg street, yesterday morning.

## CAPE ROOSTER IS WINNING PRIZES

William Vedder's Campine Cockerel, a Native of Belgium, Takes Trophies.

William Vedder received information yesterday afternoon that his Silver Campine cockerel which he has had on exhibit at the poultry show in Kennett, was a prize winner, having been awarded first premium in a competitive display.

This same cockerel won second premium in the State Poultry Exhibit held in St. Louis a few weeks ago, and in speaking of that contest, Mr. Vedder expresses the belief that the only reason that his fowl was not given the first prize, was that he was younger and not so fully developed as the successful competitor, but in his opinion was a more perfect specimen. He also stated that if the rules governing the exhibit had been closely adhered to, he would have been awarded the highest premium, because the winner was an Illinois product and should not have been permitted to enter the Missouri State Poultry Exhibit.

Mr. Vedder has become greatly interested in the Silver Campine chickens, and is loud in his praise of the particular variety to which he has become such a devoted fancier.

When asked by a Tribune representative as to the superior qualities of this particular variety in comparison with others, Mr. Vedder replied: "The Silver Campine chickens are the best layers known to the poultry producer. It resembles the White Wyandotte in size, but is a better layer, and is not so wild, and is more desirable in every way."

"It is not so very far removed from the wild fowl, and can be traced back to its native surroundings in the Campine Sand Deserts of Belgium."

"They develop early into broiler size, and like the quail they have large breasts."

"They are constantly scratching in the dirt for their food, and consequently do not have to be fed as much as other varieties."

"They are hardly and will thrive where other varieties cannot exist."

Mr. Vedder will begin at once to get his prize winning bird in good condition to enter the poultry exhibit to be held in Kansas City, beginning on Jan. 15. He feels confident that his favorite chicken will command recognition and carry away the prizes, whenever and wherever exhibited.

### THE MESSENGER OF CHRISTMAS

By Cardinal Gibbons.

Today the whole Christian world prostrates itself in adoration around the crib of Bethlehem and rehearses in accents of love and history which precedes all time and will endure throughout eternity. If asked to explain the rapturous influence which controls us we have no other words than the evangel of joy which the angel gave unto earth, "For this day is born unto you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

The blessings resulting from our Christian civilization are poured out so regularly and abundantly on the intellectual, moral and social world, like the sunlight and the air of heaven and the fruits of the earth, that they have ceased to excite any surprise, except to those who visit lands where the religion of Christ is little known. Before the advent of Christ the whole world, with the exception of the secluded Roman province of Palestine, was buried in idolatry. Men worshiped the sun and moon and stars of heaven. They worshiped everything except God only, to whom alone divine homage is due. Christ, the Light of the World, proclaimed unto all men in its fullness the truth which had hitherto been hidden in Judea. He taught mankind to know the one true God, a God existing from eternity unto eternity, a God who created all things by his power, who governs all things by his wisdom and whose superintending providence watches over the affairs of nations as well as of men, "without whom not even a sparrow falls to the ground."

The message of Christmas day is intended for all men, for all times, for all conditions of existence. Only by stern adhesion to the principles therein contained can individuals and nations hope to share in that peace which has been promised to men of good will. To violate them is to reverse the order established by God, and disorder is the synonym for sin and strife.

P. H. McLaurin of Canolou, was in the city yesterday making some Christmas purchases.

H. M. Roland of St. Louis, is a business visitor in this city.



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The Iron Cross was established by Frederick William III., King of Prussia, in 1813 as a reward for bravery in the war with Napoleon. It consisted of an iron cross of the form known as "cross Patte," with a border of silver suspended by a black ribbon with two white stripes. In the center of the cross was a spray of three oak leaves and above it was a crown with the initials "F. W." and the date 1813. When the Franco-Prussian war began Emperor William I. revived the order, which had languished. The only change in the cross was that the initial became a "W" and the date was changed to 1870.

Since the Franco-Prussian war no iron crosses have been awarded, the order being strictly a military one and the awards being made for deeds of daring in battle. Generally the Emperor tosses the ribbon about the neck of the happy recipient, but, according to the dispatches, he is tossing the crosses about with such a free hand these days that he is awarding them by mail or at times by courier.

There are many German orders, dating from the feudal days, when the

Teuton barons awarded to their lieges various marks of favor.

These orders, however, are mainly conferred by the rulers of the various kingdoms and principalities constituting the empire, and many of them are for terms of military service or for distinguished work in devising military weapons.

The Victoria Cross of Great Britain, widely known and probably most highly prized of all honors, was established in 1856. It is awarded only for "conspicuous bravery in the face of the enemy," and to gain a Victoria cross is, indeed, to accomplish a deed of honor for a Briton. It is a bronze cross surmounted by a bronze lion and bearing a scroll, "For valor."

Frenchmen, of course, covet the Legion of Honor, awarded to all men France thinks have done some great deed, matter in what walk of life. It was founded by Napoleon in 1802 and was first known as the Order of the Eagle. The Russians, for military bravery, decorate with the Order of St. George, which was established by Empress Catherine II.

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